

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
HELD MAY 24, 2005**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Work Session/Regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on May 24, 2005 in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Lynch at 7:40 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

Sina Baranski  
Joseph Faust  
Rose Gold  
Eugene Grossi  
Betty Huf  
Joan Jankowsky  
Jane Schrader Lynch  
Cynthia Mueller

Administration:

David Blatt  
Sandy Homel  
Victor Lasher  
Dr. Michael Masko  
Jean Rollo  
Dr. Thomas Sexton

CEA/Principals/Teachers:

Michael Gearty  
Eileen Poroszok  
Becky MacInnes  
Glenn Dolton  
Charles Donnelly  
Joan Juretus  
Betty Kline  
Bob Stremme  
Polley Maltese  
Eileen Rosseljong  
Ellen Vacchiano  
Joanne Danna  
Dale Walsh  
Bert Shoulberg  
Keely Mahan  
Denise Wettstein  
John McAvoy  
Ana Brown

Lynne Dunn  
Dale Kowalek  
Rena Friedant  
Laurie Schenfelt  
Marie Belcher

Public:

Carol Dimmler  
Jeff Dimmler  
Jim Phillips  
Tom Reinboth  
Joan Ksiazek  
Mary Dwyer  
Ralph Maltese  
Bob Burbridge  
Bobbie Loftus

(Public continued)

Barb Patrick  
Michael Monaghan  
Bonnie Zuckerman  
Shirley Horowitz

Harold Horowitz  
Amy Campbell  
Clayton Belcher

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Lynch led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Lynch indicated that Mrs. Brzezinski would not be attending the meeting due to illness.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### Outstanding Achievement Awards

Dr. Sexton spoke about the Outstanding Achievement Awards and how the recipients were selected. He spoke about each nominee, who was then presented with a plaque from Mrs. Lynch, as follows: Polley Maltese, Title I Tutor (Longstreth); Chick Donnelly (Tennent); Dale Kowalek, Art Teacher (Willow Dale); and Linda Fanelli, Business Office.

Jeff Dimler, a student, spoke about Mr. Kowalek and showed a painting that he had done of him.

## **GOOD NEWS**

Mrs. Homel presented the Good News Report (see attached.)

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

Mrs. Lynch stated that she had received many phone calls and e-mails regarding McDonald's Kindergarten program being eliminated. She indicated that she would like to clarify as much as possible and that anyone in the audience who would like to ask questions was welcome to do so. She explained that at the May 9<sup>th</sup> Finance meeting Administration was asked to look for cuts for the next meeting. After further discussion, the Finance Committee consensus was that Administration should make a list of possible areas within the budget that could be cut and dollar amounts associated with each for the meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>. There were several newspaper articles referencing this matter, which included ways to trim the budget such as Kindergarten (\$1.3 million), student transportation (\$2.1 million), and athletic and co-curricular activities (\$1.1 million). Another article stated that the Finance Committee decided against recommending that Kindergarten be eliminated, as well as student transportation, athletics and co-curricular activities. She felt that when the first article appeared in the paper, many people became fearful,

but that most people did not see the article indicating that the Finance Committee decided not to do this.

Becky McGinness of 1243 Brennan Drive, Warminster, stated that she understood where everyone was coming from. She felt that it was good that the District had been able to go so long without raising taxes but that these children are our future. She felt that to cut some of the good programs already in place would be ludicrous. She would rather have taxes raised a little bit. She felt that if taxes had been raised a little at a time, the District would not be facing the current shortfall.

## **REPORTS**

Mrs. Huf reported that the Operations Committee had met earlier in the evening to discuss a transportation issue, which the Committee voted against.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that a public hearing on Act 72 had been held the previous evening. There was a representative from the Pennsylvania Department of Education present, as well as the District's financial advisor. About 15-20 residents were in attendance.

Mr. Faust indicated that our State Representative, Mr. O'Neill, was present for a good part of the meeting.

Mrs. Lynch thanked Mr. Vail, stating that he had done a marvelous job.

## **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Minutes of the:*

- *Finance Committee – April 18, 2005; May 2, 2005; May 9, 2005.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

## **POLICIES**

### Discussion:

#### 3.1 – Drug/Alcohol

Dr. Sexton indicated that this policy had been reviewed by the solicitor. There was no further discussion.

#### 3.3 – Clubs and Co-Curricular Activities

Dr. Sexton indicated that this policy had been reviewed by the solicitor. Several meetings ago a policy was brought forward regarding the administration of medications.

There was a question about what the procedure would be during clubs and co-curricular activities. The language in this policy was reviewed by the insurance broker, as well as the solicitor. They feel that this is the up-to-date language that should be included in the policy.

#### 7.13 – Student Activity Fund

Dr. Sexton indicated that this policy was reviewed by the solicitor, and that the policy was basically rewritten.

Mrs. Jankowsky suggested a housekeeping change on page 7.13C.

#### 7.17 – Immigrant/Non-Immigrant Students

Dr. Sexton stated that this policy had been reviewed by the solicitor, who suggested that the name be changed to “Foreign Students.” Dr. Sexton pointed out other changes that were made.

All of the above policies would appear on the agenda in June.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Appoint Auditor

Mr. Faust indicated that this item was being brought back from the previous Work Session since Board members requested that references be checked. Mr. Vail did so and this was submitted to Finance.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she was the one who had had questions, and that she was now satisfied.

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board appoints Barbacane Thornton & Company as District auditor for the audit years ending June 30, 2005; June 30, 2006; and June 30, 2007 at the following rates of compensation:*

<i>Audit Year Ending June 30, 2005</i>	<i>\$20,550.00</i>
<i>Audit Year Ending June 30, 2006</i>	<i>\$21,400.00</i>
<i>Audit Year Ending June 30, 2007</i>	<i>\$22,250.00</i>

Mrs. Huf indicated that she would be opposing this motion since it was a tight budget year. She felt that the additional \$27,000 over three years was more than she wanted to spend. Mrs. Lynch agreed.

Mr. Grossi disagreed. He understood that there were other options that were cheaper on an annual basis. He felt the interviews and the quality of the service given by this group in the past were worth the additional money. He felt that when you were in a tight budget year, you needed

the best possible auditing firm with the greatest amount of skills and expertise that could be applied to the audit. He indicated that he planned to support this motion.

Mrs. Mueller stated that after going through the references and seeing the expertise of this firm, she would hope that we would have the best working for us. She indicated that she would be supporting this motion.

Mrs. Gold agreed that, after reading the references, this would be the best choice.

*The motion passed 6-2. (Mrs. Huf and Mrs. Lynch opposed.)*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Preliminary Approval for WTHS Boys' Basketball Team Trip

*A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants preliminary approval for the William Tennent High School Boys' Basketball team trip to Hazleton Holiday Basketball Tournament in Hazleton, PA on December 27-29, 2005. The cost to the District is for the use of a District school bus not to exceed \$745.03.*

In response to a question by Mrs. Baranski, it was clarified that the cost was for the bus driver.

*The motion passed 8-0.*

### 2. Exception to Policy 7.8, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 1-11

*A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the request by Lower Moreland Township School District to permit student 1-11 to attend William Tennent High School on a non-resident tuition basis for the 2005-2006 school year per District Policy 7.18. Tuition, payable by the Lower Moreland Township School District, for the 2005-2006 school year shall be at the 2004-2005 secondary tuition rate of \$12,222.65 subject to modification upon receipt of the 2005-2006 tuition rate from the Pennsylvania Department of Education in the spring of 2006. The Lower Moreland Township School District will provide transportation.*

Mr. Faust indicated that he would support this motion. However, he indicated that some of the special ed classrooms are run close to state guidelines. He questioned whether approval of this motion would have any effect on this, such as requiring additional staff.

Mr. Blatt responded that it would not require additional staffing. Mrs. Homel confirmed this.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that in the future she would appreciate having an indication of whether Administration supported these requests.

*The motion passed 8-0.*

3. German American Partnership Program

*A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants final approval for the William Tennent High School German American Partnership Program (GAPP) exchange trip to Landau, Germany, June 25, 2005 to July 21, 2005 at a cost to the District of \$150.00. Preliminary approval was granted on January 25, 2005.*

Dr. Masko indicated that there were two changes to the backup on this item. The group size was now 13 rather than 14, and the second mandatory meeting would take place on May 25<sup>th</sup> instead of May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*The motion passed 8-0.*

4. Renewal of Agreement with Vita

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the renewal of the Agreement between Centennial School District and Vita Education Services, Inc. for 2005-2006. There is no cost to the District.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

Mrs. Jankowsky requested that items 5, 8, 10 and 11 be moved after the adoption of the preliminary budget since these would be out of the 2005-2006 budget. This was agreed to.

6. Permission to Apply for Competitive Grant

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Gold to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves permission to apply for the competitive grant Improving School Safety and Security in Pennsylvania at WTHS in the amount of \$7,000 for the 2005-2006 school year.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

7. 2005-2006 Meal and Food Prices

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the cafeteria pricing for the 2005-2006 school year as recommended by Administration per attached cafeteria pricing request report dated May 3, 2005.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

9. Use of Facilities Fees 2005-2006

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Baranski to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Facility Use Fee Schedule for the 2005-2006 school year per attached supplement.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

12. Act 72 of 2004 – Impose Additional Earned Income Tax

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the attached conditional resolution imposing 0.1% additional Earned Income Tax pursuant to Act 72 of 2004. Approval contingent upon being eligible for and receiving additional state revenue from Act 71 gambling taxes.*

Mrs. Jankowsky read the following statement, which she asked to be included verbatim in the Minutes:

“Over the past nine months, I have carefully studied Act 72, including attendance at programs explaining the details of Act 72; analysis and reports from the District’s business administrator and financial advisor; study of the positive and negative impacts on the District, District residents, employees and students; and discussion at several meetings.

“The print media indicate that Act 72 was hastily adopted by the Pennsylvania legislature in post-midnight votes just before the July 4 adjournment for the 2004 summer. The final version was developed by a small group of legislators behind closed doors, incorporated significant changes from prior versions, and was introduced in the Senate on July 2, 2004. Both the Senate and House approved the legislation without time for review - the Senate voted at 2:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 3, and the House voted at 2 a.m. on Sunday, July 4;

“And while Act 72 incorporates some good concepts, it is poorly drafted with extraordinary complexity, numerous contradictory, illogical and ambiguous provisions; and many detriments for District residents.

“I have concluded after extensive consideration of all available relevant information, including resident input, that the known detriments and unknown facts outweigh the benefits of Act 72, for example:

- **Most importantly, Act 72 will have an adverse impact on students through diminished quality of education.**
- **Act 72 is seriously defective legislation that will take “case law” in many instances to determine the intent of the law.**
- **Act 72 fails to provide meaningful tax relief.**

- **Act 72 will increase taxes for many individuals and will divide the community by creating winners and losers.**
- **Act 72 involves many significant unknowns, including slot machine money timing and amount; the cost to administer Act 72; the potential adverse impact on employee morale; and the potential adverse impact on property values and the attractiveness of the School District to draw and retain students.**
- **Act 72 will create significant extra District costs and resident taxes resulting from the cost to administer Act 72; downgrade of District bonds; and future real estate tax increases required every year without regard to need.**
- **Act 72 will entail a budget process requiring preparation of the budget before adequate information is available – contrary to prudent financial management.**
- **Historically, the record shows that Centennial School District real estate taxes have been as low as possible, consistent with providing quality education and prudent financial management.**

“In light of these considerations, and the fact that there is no ruling yet from the Supreme Court in a pending challenge to the constitutionality of Act 71, the legislation authorizing slot machines and taxing their revenue to fund property tax relief, school boards are being asked to decide on Act 72, while the funding source for property tax relief remains in jeopardy.

“Further, the governor and the legislature disagree regarding the distribution of gaming funds if all 501 school districts do not participate in Act 72, school boards lack a critical financial component for analyzing the fiscal benefits and risks of participation.

“Also, because school districts have not received clear indications of how the act’s exceptions to the “back end referendum” requirement will be reviewed and approved, it is not possible for school boards to fully assess their long-term fiscal impact.

“Additionally, there are disputes regarding the calculation of a school district’s “qualifying contribution”, the Pennsylvania Department of Education has not provided the secretary of the budget with all of the certifications of school districts’ “qualifying contributions” without which a school district cannot receive gaming allocations for property tax relief.

“After careful consideration of these facts, I **cannot** in good conscience support the motion, however qualified, to opt into Act 72.

“Surely, the Pennsylvania General Assembly must know that significant property tax relief can be easily achieved if they would simply fully fund their share of the cost of education and the mandates that they legislate.”

Mrs. Huf stated that she would be opposing this Act and that she could not, in good faith, support this bad legislation. She felt that the Act presumes too much and that she could not in good faith, as a representative of her community, support this bad legislation. She did not believe that this was enacted to be homeowners' tax relief, and that it was clearly a tax shift. She felt that what they were proposing was not going to happen. Mrs. Huf indicated that she did not have a problem with referendum. She felt that the taxpayers should know how their money was being spent. She stated that we should tighten our belts and that the lawmakers should have included a way to help the 501 school districts with special education funding. We are severely underfunded for the needs of our children. Mrs. Huf stated that, as she indicated the previous evening, "it might look good, it might sound good, but it doesn't feel good." As it is written now, she felt the Governor and legislators should recall Act 72 and do it right.

Mrs. Gold agreed. She felt that this was the worst piece of legislation to come out of Harrisburg in a long time and that it did not address the needs of children. If the money were distributed, Centennial would receive very little. She indicated that she would not support this.

Mr. Faust indicated that he concurred with everyone else's comments. Also, from a budgeting standpoint, in Presidential election years a preliminary budget would have to be approved in December, when our fiscal year does not start until July 1<sup>st</sup>. The budget projections are not available until May or the beginning of June. This would be to the detriment of taxpayers since the Board would act conservatively to make sure there were funds. He could not see that this would be good for anyone.

Mr. Grossi stated that he agreed with much of what had been said. He felt that what the legislature tried to do was pass off controlling special education costs, pass off controlling the legacy costs of the retirement fund, and no attempt to control healthcare costs on a state-wide basis. He felt these were all the legislature's job. He agreed that what was needed was a better piece of legislation that will truly provide tax relief. Also, he pointed out that the Governor said that School Boards and individual School Directors were not doing their homework. Mr. Grossi stated that there were nine Board members who had looked at this legislation and had objections to more than just one piece of it. He felt the state could do a lot better.

Mrs. Lynch indicated that she had called the Department of Education to see who had voted for what. She gave statistics on the voting, indicating that this was bipartisan and non-political.

Mrs. Lynch further stated that her quote that she delivered to the newspapers and the League of Women Voters stated: "I support Act 72 because of property tax relief. This Act has an inflationary rate for expenditures. Centennial must be very mindful of costs above the inflationary rate. If costs exceed this rate, a referendum must be placed on the ballot for the voters to approve or disapprove." She indicated that she would not go back on her word. She stated that she received many phone calls and e-mails and she was happy that people communicated. She indicated that she responded to people's e-mails

by saying that she made her decision regarding Act 72 before the election and it was published in the newspapers. She had many phone calls to support this property relief tax from senior citizens. Since she did not want to raise income tax, she did want a back-end referendum to control school spending. She indicated that she would stand by her convictions of supporting Act 72 property tax relief.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she had spoken as legislative liaison not to support the back-end referendum. She agreed with everything that was said in opposition to Act 72. She felt it was a horrible piece of legislation, and that it was their way of taking the responsibility from them and diverting the voters' attention. She spoke about the state retirement fund, unfunded mandates and special education. She felt it would make it next to impossible to not have tax increases without cutting programs.

Mrs. Baranski stated that she would be supporting Act 72 since she believed the people should have the right to vote on how we are spending their money. She felt this should be given a chance.

Mr. Grossi felt that the big camouflage in all of this was the legacy of the retirement fund. He urged the legislature to go to work on this.

Mrs. Jankowsky noted that her comments were based on information from the Pennsbury School District as well as the Pennsylvania School Boards Association through their Information Legislative Service.

*The motion failed 2-6. (Mrs. Baranski and Mrs. Lynch in favor; remaining Board members opposed.)*

13. Adopt Preliminary 2005-2006 General Fund Budget

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board adopts the preliminary General Fund Budget for fiscal year 2005-2006 in the amount of \$71,278,979 as presented, and hereby authorizes the advertising of said preliminary budget as required by the School Code. Final adoption of the budget is tentatively scheduled for June 28, 2005.*

Mrs. Huf stated that she would be opposing the preliminary budget. She indicated that she had asked for cuts but that she did not see enough cuts to make a difference in the shortfall.

Mrs. Mueller indicated that she was not in total agreement with the budget as it stood but thanked the Finance Committee for getting some things back in with the education initiative and the technology reserve. She indicated that she would support this motion but asked that the Finance Committee look at the contingency line of \$45,579 before the final budget. She did not feel this was anywhere near being sufficient, and questioned whether something could be taken from the fund balance for this.

Mr. Faust agreed with Mrs. Huf and Mrs. Mueller. This budget was far from ideal but it was a preliminary budget and further adjustments needed to be made. He indicated that the Board is required to pass a budget by June 30<sup>th</sup> and must pass a preliminary budget 30 days prior to that. He indicated that there were still 30 days to pass the budget and there could still be more adjustments. He felt Mrs. Mueller's point should be looked at.

Mr. Grossi reiterated that this was a preliminary budget. He stated that they rarely increased a preliminary budget but that it could be done. There were a couple contingency items that were a little frightening, such as fuel. He stated that at this point, this needed to be moved forward and that he would support this.

Mr. Faust stated that if this would pass this evening, they would consider a special meeting for the final budget since this would affect when the bills would go out.

Mrs. Gold indicated that she was not completely thrilled with this preliminary budget but due to the timeline, she could not see any reason for not accepting a budget they could change.

Mrs. Lynch stated that \$600,000 was found in cuts. She would not support this budget to give homeowners a \$160 real estate bill. She felt there had to be a better way to cut this down, and that the fastest way was to vote no on the preliminary budget.

*A roll call vote was taken, as follows:*

<i>Mrs. Jankowsky</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Gold</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Faust</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Baranski</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Grossi</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>No</i>

*The motion passed 5-3.*

5. Contract Renewal – NBX Telephone System

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the renewal of the NBX Telephone System Service Contract for a total of three (3) years to the lowest responsible bidder, ePlus Technology, for the sum of \$24,000.00. This is a General Fund expenditure.*

*The motion passed 7-1. (Mrs. Huf opposed.)*

At this point in the meeting, Mrs. Lynch asked Mr. Blatt to leave since he was sick. She believed that he was staying because of the budget but felt that he should leave at this point. Mr. Blatt stated that that was very kind and that he appreciated it. He left the meeting.

8. 2005-2006 Cafeteria Fund Budget

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board adopts the attached supplement in the amount of \$2,193,162 as the Centennial School District Cafeteria Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 as presented, and hereby authorizes the expenditures as set forth therein during the fiscal year 2005-2006.*

Mr. Faust stated that at the Finance meeting they reviewed this with the Food Services Manager. They have seen a lot of change in the budget due to the point of service system. They have identified needs for capital improvements. This is the first time they have had enough money for this.

*The motion passed 8-0.*

10. Commission Elementary/Johnsville Feasibility Study

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves retaining Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann Associates to conduct a preliminary feasibility study of Centennial elementary schools and the Johnsville Administrative Center at a cost not to exceed \$3,000 for study and formal presentation. Funds to be appropriated from the capital reserve fund.*

*The motion passed 7-1. (Mrs. Baranski opposed.)*

11. MBIT General Fund Budget Proposal

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board authorizes the expenditures of the Middle Bucks Institute of Technology General Program for the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. Centennial adjusted share to be \$1,484,653 of a \$6,966,580 budget (see supplement.)*

Mr. Grossi stated that he planned to vote against this again, although his decision had nothing to do with vocational ed training. It had everything to do with the way this budget was structured. Basically, we should be paying 14% for the capital improvements going on. These were put in the general fund budget, which meant we would pay about 27%. This is a violation of the policy that allowed them to keep the money, the intent of which was to allow them to reserve monies for instructional materials to be used in programs for kids.

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that she would be abstaining from the vote for the same reasons that she gave for the Executive Council of MBIT. She felt she did not have the knowledge to vote either for or against this.

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

<i>Mrs. Baranski</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Grossi</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Gold</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Faust</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Grossi</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Jankowsky</i>	<i>Abstain</i>

*The motion passed 5-2-1.*

14. Domestic Partners Amendment – Employee Medical Plans

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Gold to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the attached amendment to the District's Employee Keystone HMO and Point of Service Medical Plans to permit the coverage of domestic partners of employees within said plans.*

Mr. Faust stated that there were no other districts doing this at this time. Because of the cost of benefits, he did not think Centennial should be leading the way on this.

*The motion failed 0-8.*

15. Amend Youth Service Alternative Agreement

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board amends the agreement between Youth Services of Bucks County, Inc. and the Centennial School District approved August 17, 2004 to change Paragraph 2.1 of said agreement to read as follows:*

*2.1 Payments by CENTENNIAL to YOUTH SERVICES. CENTENNIAL shall pay YOUTH SERVICES at a per diem rate of Sixty-One Dollars Fifty Cents (\$61.50) for Johnsville placement and Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) for Barn placement per day per student for each student assigned by CENTENNIAL to the program operated by YOUTH SERVICES to a maximum of Four Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$456,520), regardless of the number of children or days served during the 2004-2005 school year. These rates shall be billed by YOUTH SERVICES and shall be paid by CENTENNIAL in accordance with the past practice of the parties.*

Mr. Faust indicated that this had come through the Finance Committee because there was a discrepancy found by Administration. This basically was to permit the payment for services that had already been provided. There were adequate funds in this budget to pay for this. This was just a language change in the contract. It had always been budgeted properly; just the language was incorrect.

*The motion passed 8-0.*

- 16. Appoint School Dentist
- 17. Appoint School Physician

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board:*

- (16) *Appoints Howell H. Bichefsky, D.M.D. as School District Dentist for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008 at the following rates:*

*Current \$2.75 per exam remains in place for the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years,*

*Rate increases to \$3.00 per exam for the remaining last year of the agreement (2007-2008).*

- (17) *Appoints Dr. Larry Cohen as School District Physician for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008 at the following rates:*

*Current \$70.00 per hour rate remains in place for the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years.*

*Rate increases to \$72.50 per hour for the last year of the agreement (2007-2008.)*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

- 18. Athletic Equipment Bid

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Athletic Equipment Bid No. 2005-22 and awards same to the vendors listed below for a total bid award of \$60,392.97. This will be a 2005-2006 general fund expenditure.*

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Athletic</u>	<u>Physical Education</u>
<i>Aluminum Athletic Equipment</i>	<i>\$ 54.00</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Five Ponds</i>	<i>2,361.50</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>Flaghouse</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>941.89</i>
<i>Football America</i>	<i>892.25</i>	<i>0.00</i>

<i>Gopher Sport</i>	0.00	451.82
<i>Kelly's Sports</i>	12,493.25	371.10
<i>Locker Room Sporting Goods</i>	11,389.88	0.00
<i>Longstreth Sporting Goods</i>	474.40	0.00
<i>Palos Sports</i>	0.00	177.35
<i>Riddell/All American</i>	109.00	0.00
<i>Sport Supply Group</i>	1,679.24	4,314.55
<i>Sportime</i>	0.00	1,355.71
<i>Sportsman's</i>	15,158.87	1,557.46
<i>Triple Crown</i>	6,610.70	0.00

Mr. Grossi commended the Business Office for doing such a good job, stating that this was an amazing amount of work.

*The motion passed 8-0.*

19. Bread and Rolls Bid  
 20. Replace Lighting and Controls Bid

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Gold to resolve that the Centennial School Board:*

- (19) *Approves the Centennial School District to participate in the Suburban Schools Food Service Purchasing Co-Op Bread & Rolls Bid No. 2005-23 and awards same to the following vendors. The approximate expense to the District is \$29,000.*

*Amoroso's  
 Morabito Baking Company  
 Stroehmann Bakeries Inc.*

- (20) *Approves the Replace Lighting and Controls Bid No. 2005-24 and awards same to East Coast Control Systems, Inc. at the lowest responsible bid amount of \$24,500.00. This will be a 2005-2006 capital reserve fund expenditure.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

21. Permission to Begin 2005-2006 Purchasing

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board authorizes Administration to commence with summer supply, book and equipment ordering for the 2005-2006 school year within the limits of the previously adopted 2005-2006 preliminary General Fund Budget and 2005-2006 expenditures identified as payable through the Capital Reserve, Education Initiative and Technology Reserve Funds.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

**PERSONNEL**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves all personnel recommendations, as follows: Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Change of Status; Saturday School Proctors; Per Diem Substitute Teachers; Support Staff Substitutes; Summer Help; Student Work Study Program; and Co-Curricular.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS**WTHS Feasibility Study

Mrs. Mueller stated that this matter had come up because we are going into a budget and the new roof was just approved at the last meeting for \$700,000+ on a 37-year old building. She felt this needed to be looked at long range. She indicated that the building had structural problems right from the beginning. It was set up as open classrooms and was partitioned later. The space does not have its own temperature control or ventilation.

Mrs. Mueller indicated that there were also traffic situations with there being only one way in and one way out. The architects have noted this and made proposals. The Superintendent was requested to provide a list of priorities. She read from an extensive list of priorities provided by Mr. Blatt and Mr. Lasher. They felt that the most cost-effective approach was to consider the projects as a package. Mrs. Mueller asked that the Board strongly consider taking this as a package deal, especially considering the bond rates. This would not mean a whole new high school but the academic building, which is the one that had the structural problems right from the beginning. She felt that it was imprudent not to take care of the District's assets. She felt Option 3 was really the only option, which was to replace a building at \$54,792,885. This would take care of all of the issues. She felt it would be wise to look at this in the long range.

Mr. Grossi stated that this project could not be done in the next year or two. This is long-range planning. Buildings have a finite life and at some point they have to be refurbished. Although this is a lot of money, he did not think it needed to be totally supported by taxes. He felt there were some ways of supporting the costs in a coordinated plan. He pointed out that our assets are almost all depreciated, which means that we have made them last longer than originally planned.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked for clarification that this had gone to the Finance Committee. Mr. Faust indicated that the Finance Committee had just looked at what bonds would cost, as information for the Board.

Mrs. Jankowsky suggested that the Finance Committee look at this and to do some long-range budget planning. She felt that if they were not willing to go into any of the options presented by the architects, then they should come up with a plan to address the issues raised. If they were not going to do any of the options presented, then they should look at the issue of the driveway since that was a safety issue. She requested the Finance Committee to look at this and advise the Board of their long-range recommendations. She requested that this be placed on the Finance agenda for a recommendation to the full Board.

Mrs. Lynch asked if Mrs. Jankowsky was asking for this before the final budget adoption. Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that she was not.

Mrs. Baranski stated that she had spoken to someone who had just had a school built, and they spent 50% more than they thought they were going to spend.

Mrs. Huf thanked Mr. Lasher for his list and asked if it would be possible to get some idea of costs in the near future.

Mr. Grossi felt that this needed to be looked at since the life expectancy of that particular wing is limited.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked the Finance Committee to look into this when they start to schedule their fall agenda since by that time they should also have the elementary feasibility study.

Al Hertenberger of 307 Maple Avenue, Southampton, stated that he thought money was being wasted in the District. He wanted to encourage looking at the long range, and was in favor of a new building. He felt something had to be done. He asked the Board not to be afraid of the public, that this was for the kids and the future kids.

#### Policy 1.2 – Centennial School Board Meetings

Mrs. Huf stated that she knew that it was requested that this be brought forward but since there was nothing in the packet, she would like to have it moved to the next meeting. This was agreed to by the other Board members.

Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out that since the person who requested this was not present, she felt it was appropriate to postpone this item.

Mr. Faust stated that since the Board approved the preliminary budget this evening, he was informed that if the Board follows through with its planned June 28<sup>th</sup> final budget adoption, that would not give the tax collector enough time to print bills and send them out. They would probably go out after the first week of July. Mr. Faust asked if the Board wanted to adjust the budget calendar to have a special meeting to approve the final budget. The alternative would be to leave it as is and have the bills go out later. He asked the Board to think about this, that he was just looking for feedback.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she would be in favor of moving this up.

Mrs. Jankowsky suggested that Mr. Faust bring an action item before the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Faust stated that they would discuss this at Finance and that they might come to the next Board meeting with this.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Gold to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Secretary